

UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
(Atty. Docket No.: MBHB 03-465-C (400/142))

IN THE APPLICATION OF:)	
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James McSwiggen <i>et al.</i>)	
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Serial No.)	10/757,803
)	Examiner: Amy Hudson Bowman
Filed:)	January 14, 2004
)	Group Art Unit: 1635
Title)	RNA Interference Mediated
)	Inhibition of Gene Expression
)	Using Chemically Modified
)	Short Interfering Nucleic Acid
)	(siNA)
)	Confirmation No.: 5421

AMENDMENTS AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION MAILED OCTOBER 30, 2007

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

Applicants now respond to the Office Action dated October 30, 2007, in the above-referenced application. Also submitted herewith is a petition for a two (2)-month extension of time, and the appropriate fees in connection with the petition. It is believed that no other fee is presently due; however the Commissioner is authorized to charge any deficiency or credit any overage to our deposit account number 13-2490.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 4 of this paper.

CERTIFICATE OF TRANSMISSION (37 C.F.R. 1.8)

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being electronically transmitted to the USPTO on March 25, 2008.

Date: March 25, 2008

/Michael S. Greenfield/